

REMARKS

Please cancel Claims 6, 8, 11, 21 and 25 without prejudice. Claims 1-5, 7, 10, 12-20, 22-24 and 26-29 are pending. Claims 1, 7, 10, 17, 24, and 26 are amended herein. No new matter has been added as a result of the claim amendments.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowability of Claims 8, 11, 12, 21, 25 and 26. Allowed claims 8, 11, 21 and 25 have been rewritten in independent form by incorporating their limitations in their respective base claims.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-5, 9-10, 13-14, 24 and 27-28

In paragraph 2, the Office Action rejected Claims 1-5, 9-10, 13-14, 24 and 27-28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No 6,175,351 by Matsuura et al. (referred to hereinafter as "Matsuura") in view of Official Notice.

Independent Claims 1, 10, 17 and 24 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of, respectively, Claims 8, 11, 21 and 25, which were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Therefore, Claims 1, 10, 17 and 24 are allowable. By virtue of their dependence on an allowable base claim, Claims 2-5, 9, 13, 14, 27 and 28 are also allowable. Accordingly, a discussion of the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is rendered moot at this time.

Claims 6-7, 16-20 and 22-23

In paragraph 3, the Office Action rejected Claims 6-7, 16-20 and 22-23 rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsuura in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,614,424 by Kim et al. (referred to hereinafter as "Kim").

Independent Claims 1 and 17 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of, respectively, Claims 8 and 21, which were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Therefore, Claims 1 and 17 are allowable. By virtue of their dependence on an allowable base claim, Claims 7, 16-20 and 22-23 are also allowable. Accordingly, a discussion of the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is rendered moot at this time.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above listed amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested. Based on the arguments and amendments presented above, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-5, 7, 10, 12-20, 22-24 and 26-29 overcome the rejections of record. For reasons discussed herein, Applicant respectfully requests that Claims 1-5, 7, 10, 12-20, 22-24 and 26-29 be considered by the Examiner. Therefore, allowance of Claims 1-5, 7, 10, 12-20, 22-24 and 26-29 is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have a question regarding the instant amendment and response, the Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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